

Whereas there are many museums of visionary art located throughout Europe such as the Art Brut Museum located in Lausanne, Switzerland;

Whereas the American Visionary Art Museum is the first museum in North America to be wholly dedicated to assembling a comprehensive national collection of American visionary art;

Whereas the collection at the American Visionary Art Museum includes film, literature, and research on all fields related to visionary art;

Whereas the American Visionary Art Museum's mission is to increase public awareness of uncommon art produced by individuals in response to extraordinary circumstances;

Whereas the American Visionary Art Museum seeks to remove the stigma associated with disability by illuminating the power of humans to triumph over adversity through creativity;

Whereas the national policy of deinstitutionalization has resulted in the closure of many facilities and the destruction of visionary artwork;

Whereas the American Visionary Art Museum has the support of certain offices of the National Institute of Mental Health and other government agencies in its goal to function as a national repository for works produced by formerly institutionalized individuals; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the national welfare and all American citizens to preserve visionary art and to celebrate this unique art form: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),
That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) visionary art should be designated as a rare and valuable national treasure to which we devote our attention, support, and resources to make certain that it is collected, preserved, and understood; and

(2) the American Visionary Art Museum is the proper national repository and educational center for visionary art.

Agreed to August 12, 1992.

ADJOURNMENT—SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Aug. 12, 1992

[S. Con. Res. 135]

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),
That when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Wednesday, August 12, 1992, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in accordance with this resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12:00 noon, or until such time as may be specified by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in the motion to adjourn or recess, on Tuesday, September 8, 1992, or until 12:00 noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House of Representatives adjourns at the close of business on the legislative day of Wednesday, August 12, 1992, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in accordance with this resolution, it stand adjourned until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 9, 1992, or until 12:00 noon on the second day after Members are notified

to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and the House, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

Agreed to August 12, 1992.

Sept. 29, 1992
[S. Con. Res. 112]

“A MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE FOR THE USE OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES” BOOK—SENATE PRINT

Whereas parliamentary bodies require written rules of order for their proceedings to be conducted fairly and efficiently;

Whereas the Senate's first code of rules provided that “every question of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, without debate”;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson, serving as the Senate's second president from 1797 to 1801, prepared for his own guidance a manual of legislative practice that included, under 53 topical headings, precedents from major authorities on parliamentary conduct;

Whereas “Jefferson's Manual” set the framework for the evolution of the Senate's rules and procedures, served to inspire respect for parliamentary law in the new Nation, and stands as one of Jefferson's most enduring intellectual ventures;

Whereas “Jefferson's Manual” was first printed for the use of the Senate in 1801 and was subsequently published by the Senate on a regular basis from 1828 to 1975;

Whereas the House of Representatives in 1837 provided by rule, which still exists, that the provisions of “Jefferson's Manual” should “govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House”; and

Whereas April 13, 1993, marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson and it is fitting on this occasion to honor Jefferson and the continued development of parliamentary law:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there shall be printed as a Senate document, the book entitled “A Manual of Parliamentary Practice for the Use of the Senate of the United States” by Thomas Jefferson (with the editorial assistance of the Senate Historical Office under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate).

SEC. 2. Such document shall include illustrations, and shall be in such style, form, manner, and binding as directed by the Joint Committee on Printing after consultation with the Secretary of the Senate.

SEC. 3. In addition to the usual number of copies, there shall be printed with suitable binding 10,000 copies for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives, to be allocated as determined jointly by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Agreed to September 29, 1992.